

Hampstead Sept 28/69

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mean my husband is one) I know  
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war is a correct one. And I  
should like to come out - and help  
you through with it, if I was a man.

And if I hadn't any children I  
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from a husbands love. If you had  
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be ten thousand times happier than  
ever. I wish you knew just - how  
I thought of you it would make  
you happy as free as my love can  
make you so. If you were the Pres-  
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a little more worthy of you ~~myself~~  
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out in company together if I can only have a better opinion of myself.

You tell me not to be to grateful to some one. I would like to tell you all there was said about it, but think it isn't best. I think though it was different from what you expected. And he promised he would do all he could for you if the reg<sup>t</sup> was disbanded. There is a little tin pedler comes here (and hugs your babies every time he comes, I suppose you won't be jealous on their account. He is about the age of Joseph and looks and appears a little like him) who says they wont take Eastman back into that reg<sup>t</sup>. because he staid at home so long. ~~He~~ The Dr told me the first time I saw him after he got home that Mary was a ~~good~~ very much better. And that was about the time

the new assistant-surgeon was  
sent-out-there. So you can put  
that-and that-together and make  
what-you have a mind to of it-

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Brewster is back in your reg<sup>t</sup>  
again. Don't-miss of writing all  
you know about him for I am tor-  
mented all most to death. I haven't  
heard anything but "Brewster" since  
he went away. Even old Grandmother  
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supposed Brewster's wife's husband  
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